

#### In Loving Memory of Ms Fok Yu Hee

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Ms Fok Yu Hee (霍煦熙 老師) on 19 January 2025. A cherished member of our school community, Ms Fok began her teaching journey with us in 1972 and dedicated her expertise and passion to the education of our students until her early retirement in 1996.

Ms Fok taught Chinese and Chinese History, inspiring countless students with her profound knowledge and understanding. She had the ability to connect well with her pupils, allowing her to nurture their growth both academically and personally. She was appointed as Guidance Mistress in 1987, a role in which she flourished, providing support and wisdom to many.

Her patience, kindness and unwavering love for her students have left an indelible mark on our hearts. She will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to know her.

Alumnae can pay tribute using the following link:

https://www.forevermissed.com/yuhee-fok/

and view the memorial service held on 14 February 2025 at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= SMUCz7Dk40.

# Honouring My Beloved Mother: Ms Fok Yu Hee — A Mother, a Mentor and a Friend

Charmaine A. Leung ('89)

Ms Fok Yu Hee, my beloved mother, was a woman of extraordinary grace, dedication and love. She lived a life that was a testament to the power of education, family and perseverance. Her journey left an unforgettable mark on everyone who knew her. Born into a large family, she began her early education at Ying Wa Girls' School Kindergarten. During her primary school years, she moved with her parents to Foshan, where she completed her primary education. After returning to Hong Kong, she attended True Light Middle School of Hong Kong and Ling Ying College, laying a strong academic foundation. Her passion for education led her to National Chengchi University in Taiwan, where she majored in Chinese Language, setting the stage for her lifelong career in teaching.

My mother's teaching journey began at St. Joan of Arc Primary School, followed by a significant tenure at Tsung Tsin College. In 1972, she joined Ying Wa Girls' School, where she taught Chinese Language and Chinese History. Her dedication and warmth earned her the role of Guidance Mistress in 1987, a position she held until her retirement in 1996. Over her 24 years at Ying Wa, she became a cherished mentor and friend to countless students, inspiring them with her passion for education. I, too, had the privilege of attending Ying Wa, receiving the same high-quality education she so passionately championed.

Even in retirement, my mother led a vibrant and fulfilling life. From the 1990s to the early 2000s, she enjoyed weekly trips to Shenzhen for dim sum and massage with good friends, as well as regular gatherings with retired Ying Wa teachers. An avid traveller, she seized every opportunity to explore the world with her family, creating countless cherished memories. These moments of togetherness remain some of the most treasured highlights of our lives.

My mother was a woman of many talents. Academically accomplished, she had impeccable handwriting and a gift for painting. She was also a passionate sports enthusiast, excelling in basketball, long jump and bowling. My mother and father participated in the South China Athletic Association Bowling Amateur League every Wednesday for over a decade, from the 1970s to the 1980s.

Her optimistic and warm personality endeared her to everyone she met. As a daughter, she was filial and devoted to her parents; as the eldest sister, she was caring and supportive of her siblings; and as a wife and mother, she was the heart of our family, embodying love,

responsibility and strength. Her life was a beautiful tapestry of dedication, love and resilience. As her daughter, I am deeply proud of her legacy and will forever cherish her memory. My mother's kindness, wisdom and unwavering spirit continue to inspire us. Her life was a shining example of how one person's love and dedication can touch so many lives.

In summary, my mother's life was a journey of selfless service, both in her professional and personal roles. Her contributions as an educator, her devotion to her family and her zest for life remain a source of inspiration. We honour her memory by carrying forward the lessons she taught us and the love she shared so generously. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched and the values she instilled in her family and students.



(Front row, middle) Ms Fok's first year at Ying Wa (1972)



(3<sup>rd</sup> from the right) Ying Wa Chinese Painting Class (1980s)



(Front row,  $\mathbf{1}^{\mathrm{st}}$  from the right) Dim Sum lunch gathering with retired teachers



Christmas French lunch with daughter (2024)

# 情歸英華 珍之重之

# 相聚天家 盼之樂之

石玉如 ('72)

甲辰年末,英華家庭痛失兩位我們珍愛敬重的老師,實在叫人不捨,大家懷念仁師之情, 筆墨不能盡表。

霍老師,和您錯過了於同一時空在英華服務〔註〕,1972年老師到英華服務,而我則剛好畢業離開。1996年老師您提早退休,我在5年後才回到母校服務。但這卻無損我們建立起20多年的情誼。

記得初次遇上是在校友會活動的場合,老師笑容可掬,和藹可親,穩重又慈祥。我們一見如故,也偶有通訊。後來才知道原來輔導是老師的專長,難怪您是如此平易近人。校友談起,都說您是好老師,做事嚴謹認真,一絲不苟。您對同學的照顧,無微不至。學生偶有不守規的,您從不嚴厲訓斥,只是循循善誘。最令學生嘖嘖稱奇的是老師細緻的觀察力,連她們寫的中文字,您也看出錯誤的筆順來。您每年都寄來聖誕卡,向同事送上窩心的問候。校友會和學校校慶的各項活動,您常常出席支持。您也與離任老師聯絡,積極參與聚會,對英華的情誼,叫人感動。

近年參加了很多安息禮,從歸家者的生平事跡、親友懷念的分享,才驚覺較爲全面認識 其人,中間的感慨和歉意,難以言喻。惟有鼓勵自己努力珍惜眼前人,莫待機會過去空 懷念。

霍老師,雖然您早於我們返天家,但我們在英華和主內的情懷還是不會變。可以想像到那日,天家門前,您會帶著微笑來迎接我。願您安息主懷,也願淑銘學妹 ('89) 和家人想到日後天家再聚時的喜樂和盼望,便得著從天而來的安慰。

最後,將心中的思念,寫成幾句以表懷念之情。

思爲主所用,幸得英華知。

知音難相遇,無以侍良師。

師今適天路,惆悵滿心時。

時至天家聚,重與訴心思。

〔註〕其實我於 1976 年曾在英華代課兩個月,所以與霍老師是曾經短暫同處一個時空, 但因爲那時我們在工作上未有接觸,所以真正認識老師是 2001 年後的事了。

# 霍煦熙老師:對人信任及有遠見的輔導主任

楊明慧 (退休老師) 輔導主任 (1996-2024)

收到霍老師離世的消息,心中一沉,十分難過。

回想當年我加入輔導組的時候,霍老師是輔導主任,以循循善誘的方式引導我,教我如何真正服務學生。她總是強調,輔導的首要任務是細心聆聽和理解同學的需求,而非僅僅給予建議。

我記得有一次在輔導過程中,我犯了錯誤,承諾了一些無法實現的事情。霍老師頓時嚇了一跳,但她並沒有責備我,而是坦誠指出我的過錯,並幫助我聯絡各方,尋找解決方案。多年後,她那種臨危不亂的智慧和包容仍然深深印在我的心中。

在 1980 年代的香港,輔導工作常被視為「處理問題」,但霍老師卻看得更遠。她認為輔導工作應該包含發展性元素。在她的帶領下,「大姐姐計劃」應運而生。霍老師對甄選大姐姐設下嚴謹標準,要求同學通過文字反思和面試,才能成為大姐姐。她十分重視合適的高班同學對中一新生的成長和英華校風的傳承。

霍老師退休後,輔導組至今仍延續「大姐姐計劃」。雖然隨著時代變遷進行了微調,但整個計劃的框架仍沿用她的設計。許多英華校友至今仍與當年的大姐姐、小妹妹保持聯繫,成為朋友,這都是霍老師遠見的成果。

作為中文和中史科老師,霍老師巧妙地將學科與輔導結合,讓學生在閱讀中不僅增長知識,還能接觸不同的人物故事,從而學會同理心和多角度思考。她以「讀書獎勵計劃」幫助學生全人成長。

霍老師,您對學生的付出永不會被遺忘,我們將永遠懷念您,並繼續傳承您所傳遞的精神。



霍煦熙老師(前排左二)、楊明慧老師(後排中)與其他老師一起歡送周馬佩堅校長(前排右五)榮休

# 讚美的力量

黎翠瑤 ('77)

**2025**年的情人節對我來說,並不是個典型的情人節。在和另一半共渡佳節前,我和一班 英華同學去向今年年初息勞歸主的霍煦熙老師致以最後的敬意。

1973年,我以中二插班生的身份開始在英華上學。開學第一天,班主任霍老師提醒全班 同學要照顧兩位新成員。她溫柔的微笑與和藹的態度舒緩了我作為轉校生的焦慮和不安! 當然,班上所有同學都非常友善地幫助我適應這所新學校。

幾個月後便派發中期考試成績表,當我收到自己的成績表時,看到霍老師以優美的書法寫下的評語『秀外慧中,求學勤奮』,的確有點「震驚」!老實說,我知道自己是一個勤奮的學生,但從來沒有被任何老師表揚過我的「外表」!這個『讚美』除了激勵我在學業上更加努力外,更要盡力保持良好,甚至優雅的言行舉止(因為不可能改變自己的容貌!),不能讓霍老師失望。

霍老師,謝謝您運用讚美的力量令我更肯定自己!

# 懷念霍姨

#### 黄文秀 ('85)

霍姨是我對霍煦熙老師的稱呼,她是我媽媽的大學同學,也是我爸爸的中學同學。在我童年記憶中,我爸爸媽媽常常跟霍姨及其丈夫梁玉昇叔叔聚會。每次的聚會氣氛都是非常愉快,他們總有談不完的話題。每當想起這些愉快的時光,心中總是充滿了歡樂和懷念。

霍姨跟我媽媽有很多相似的地方,她們都是中學老師,任教中文及中史,也是教女校。 媽媽知道英華女校有良好的校風,並且提供出衆的品格及學科教育,建議我嘗試報讀。 在霍姨的推薦下,我有幸考入了英華女校,接受了優質的中學教育,這對我的成長和未 來產生了極其重要的影響。但是,為了避嫌,其實霍姨從來沒有教過我的課,這更彰顯 了她的無私和高尚品德。

當時,對於十二歲的我來說,考入英華女校是一個巨大的挑戰。我本可以和熟識的同學一起升讀同一中學,但選擇了英華,意味著我將進入一個陌生的環境,沒有一個認識的朋友,每天需要花費三小時交通時間,來到這個陌生的香港島上學。但在英華七年的學習生活,給了我許多寶貴的經歷和成長機會。

在英華的日子裡,我探索了港島區,並在學習中陶造了追求卓越、對工作充滿熱誠以及 服務他人的心志。作為英華人都會知道,英華的「非以役人,乃役於人」精神以及校徽 上寫的「寸陰是惜」,深深地影響了我們的處事態度和為人處世的方式。除此之外,英 華的教育讓我建立了獨立思考和勇於嘗試的能力,為我日後到美國升讀大學及研究院奠 定了穩固的基礎。所以,我非常感謝霍姨,讓我認識到並有機會就讀英華女校。

最後,我很感激霍姨陪伴媽媽渡過愉快的退休生活!她們不僅一起去內地不同的地方旅行,尤其是歷史豐富的城鎮,又帶我的兒子們去飲茶,還經常相約到深圳按摩及消遣,跟舊同學聚會。在這些回憶中,特別想起霍姨的歡笑聲,總是充滿正能量,亦讓我感受到她們之間深厚的友誼。去年的春天,霍姨陪伴我們送別了媽媽;今年的春天,我們送別敬愛的霍姨。祝願她們在天父的家裏相聚,再續她們超過六十年的友誼!



與媽媽、霍姨及梁叔叔攝於深圳 (1993)



與霍姨攝於香港理工大學 (1997)



霍姨、陳靜芝 ('85) 和我攝於英華女校 (2000)

# 懷念霍煦熙老師

余詠禧 ('90)

我在 1985 年入讀英華的時候,1E 的班主任(和中文科老師)就是霍老師,那時候我們都稱呼她為「霍先生」。印象中,霍先生常常帶着溫柔的微笑,上課的時候,總是不徐不疾地講課。她很有耐性地帶着我們這班調皮的學生。只有一次,霍先生在課堂上對我們全班訓話。

因為日子已經久遠,有點兒忘記當天實際發生了甚麼事情了。只記得,我們班好像在一次上圖書館課的時候,作弄了圖書館老師 Miss Au,Miss Au 當下就氣得從課室走回她的辦公室,最後那一堂便沒有上完。第二天早上,霍先生一進課室,就板着一張臉,問我們全班前一天發生的事情,教訓我們不應該作弄老師,着我們去跟 Miss Au 道歉。

霍先生是一位既溫柔又嚴厲的老師。

從英華中五畢業之後,我就離開了香港,很少再碰到霍先生。記得大概 10 年前,有一次見到霍先生,是在掃墓時,在聯合道基督教墳場門外碰到。近幾年,因為資訊發達,透過霍先生和 Amy(霍先生的女兒淑銘)的 Facebook 可以得知霍先生的近況。最近一次,是 2025 年 1 月在 Facebook 上看到霍先生的照片。

如今,霍先生已經放下世上的勞苦,在主懷裏安息。以後在天家再相聚。

# 成長路上幸遇恩師

何凱怡 ('90s)

霍煦熙老師是我中一時的班主任兼中文科老師。她的教導方式溫柔細膩,從不斥責我們, 而是以鼓勵和支持引導我們成長。對於初入中學、懵懵懂懂的我來說,每天只懂準時乘 搭 12M 巴士回到羅便臣道,再滿身大汗地走上 12 樓的課室上課。霍老師就像一盞明燈, 照亮了那段迷茫的歲月。

即使到了中三時,她只負責教我中文科,卻細心察覺到我在數學上的困難,並發現這影響了我對各科目以及與人相處的自信心。在家長會上,她向我媽媽提出了中肯的建議,鼓勵我參加補習班,並教導我如何以加倍的努力來克服困難。她的一句話:「勤能補拙,但方法更重要。」深深印在我的心中,成為我學習和生活中的座右銘。

霍老師對我的影響遠不止於學業,她教會了我如何面對挑戰,如何堅持努力,並不斷突破自己。得知她離世的消息,我感到無比悲痛,但她的教誨與精神將永遠留存在我的心中,指引我前行。

願恩師安息, 感謝您的一路陪伴與無私教導, 永遠懷念您!